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In The Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

[0022] Of course, one of ordinary skill in the art appreciates that the composition of the backing material 20 is merely representative of a potentially limitless variations in the material compositions based on ethylene-octene copolymers formed using metallocene catalyst and is not intended to be limiting. Further, other thermoplastic copolymers other than ethylene-octene, or other thermoplastic polymer or copolymer materials blended with the ethylene-octene copolymer, are specifically contemplated by the present invention as long as they meet the requirements of being recyclable and providing a rubber feeling and weighted backing material. For example, a first ethylene-octene copolymer having a melt index of approximately 25-35 and a density of approximately 0.7 to 1.0 is specifically contemplated. Further, a second ethylene-octene copolymer having a melt index of approximately 2-4 and a density of approximately 0.7 to 1.0 may be combined with the first ethylene-octene copolymer to form the recyclable, thermoplastic polymer.